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1. The Kombinat Boehlen produced 7,200 tons of anti-knock aviation gasoline in January 1953. The production of jet fuel from a gasoline base was between 3,000 and 3,500 tons. The plant is seeking to employ a project engineer, construction engineer with a good knowledge of petroleum technique, and process engineer. Additional enlargement of the plant has been planned.
2. Deliveries of hemp from China sufficient to cover the requirements for the first quarter of 1953 arrived at VVB Bastfaser, Leipzig, in early January. The shipment consisted of 1,300 tons of hemp and 500 tons of hemp fragments. Deliveries of flax have come from Russia.
3. The Leipzig district council (Bezirksrat) has published an order declaring fuel ration stamps Series C, No. 71 40 01 to 71 50 00 invalid, because forged stamps have been discovered. The stamps were good for the purchase of one ton of lignite briquettes. Coal depot operators have been instructed to seize any stamps of this series which are presented, and immediately report the identity and address of the individual, plant, or office concerned to the DEZ coal office in Leipzig. The real reason for the order is not the detection of forged stamps, but the build-up of fuel reserves by the East German Government. For the same reason, the gasoline ration for motorcycles was discontinued in October and November 1952.

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